

Minutes from ESA Plant-Insect Ecosystems Governing Board Meeting

Conference Call

June 21, 2018

Present:

Mark Wright, President
Diane Alston, Vice President
Melissa Willrich Siebert, Past President
Rebecca Schmidt-Jeffris, Secretary
Lily Calderwood, Treasurer
Carlos Esquivel, Student Representative
Thomas Anderson, Invasive Species Tour
Judy Wu-Smart, Pollinator Committee
Chris Stelzig, ESA

1. Pollinator Field Tour II, Mark

- Low current number of applicants – do we need to push to contact additional stakeholders?
- Melissa gave update on incoming donations
- Discussion of cost-sharing videographer of event with HBHC, approved
- Need to check if EPA needs support to attend (Mark and Tom)

2. Invasive Species Tour, Tom Anderson

- Registration instructions sent to applicants last week
- Letters sent to all student/ECP travel grant recipients, enough funds to give all student/ECP applicants a discount
- 41 total applicants, including award applicants (not all non-students may decide to register if they did not receive the award). Current estimate is 35 attendance based on this.
- Tom has contacted AAAS, botanical gardens on east coast
- Expected attendance is 50
- Travel award winners: Heather Leach (Michigan), Anna Howell (Davis); Fredericka Hamilton (Auburn) was SysEB awardee
- Greg is making headway at field section of tour
- Port of entry tour is underway, but currently requires security clearance – Tom is trying for a workaround
- National Academy of Sciences tour set up is progressing, will include a behind the scenes tour
- Sponsors: Corteva – Dow, Certis, Marrone, Syngenta, continuing to inquire with other sponsors
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3. Pollinator Committee, Judy Wu-Smart

- Will announce in newsletter, through CEDA, Twitter and at various points at ESA meeting
- Discussion on monitoring impact of 2017 Pollinator Videos and reminding membership of them (via newsletters)
- Possible to show videos at ESA? Chris will think about it.

4. Continuing to recruit for national meeting volunteers, Mark

5. Do we need to think about new WIGs?, Diane

- Continue to work on developing future leadership
- Need to think of new ideas bring to summer leadership meeting